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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: H. NOJIMA  
Serial No.: 10/649,635  
Filed: August 28, 2003  
For: STORAGE OPERATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
Group: 2168  
Examiner: G. Robinson

**REPLY**

**MS AF**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 30, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 30, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 30, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.**

**Remarks are included following the amendments**

"DO NOT ENTER" 12/11/06. Ed.